taken up in the State of Andhra Pradesh for the technology upgradation of small industries on cluster approach basis:

(i) Bulk Drugs & Formulation Industry Cluster

(ii) Diagnostic Study of Foundry Industry Cluster

(iii) Diagnostic Study of Fruit Processing Industry Cluster

(f) Prime Minister Rozgar Yojna (PMRY): This is a self-employment scheme for both rural as well as urban areas under which, beneficiaries are provided loans/credit by banks for setting up of industries, business and service ventures.

Incentives:

(i) Two district namely Srikakulam and Mahbubnagar of Andhra Pradesh have been declared by Ministry of Finance, Department of Revenue, as category 'B' industrially backward districts for grant of tax concession under Income Tax Act, 1961.

Units operating from Special Economic Zones, Export Processing Zones, Electronic Hardware Technology Park and Software Technology Parks and 100% EOUs are provided with tax holiday for 10 years.

For promoting new investments, new industries and industries with substantial expansion are provided with additional depreciation of 15% over and above the normal depreciation of 25%.

(ii) Under the Industrial Park Scheme-2002,100% Income Tax exemption is given to any undertaking engaged in developing, developing and operating or operating and maintaining and Industrial Park for 10 consecutive years out of the next 15 years when the industrial park is developed. The scheme aims at setting up of industrial park/industrial model towns/growth centre for development of infrastructure facilities within its precincts.

Growth centre in Borai, Chhattisgarh

† 4994. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal from the Government of Chhattisgarh for setting up of growth centres in Borai, District Durg;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when the required funds would be provided for setting up of the centres?

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN SINGH): (a) to (c) No, Sir. After bifurcation of the State of Madhya Pradesh, no fresh proposal to set up growth centres in Borai has been received by Government of India. However, one growth centre has already been sanctioned in the year 1991 by Government of India under growth centre Scheme at Borai in erstwhile State of Madhya Pradesh, now in Chhattisgarh. The growth centre has become functional with the commencement of allotment of industrial plots there.

US embargo on import of steel pipes from India

4995. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is likely to be an embargo on import of steel pipes from India with the US producers of Oil Country Tubular Goods (OCTG) filing a trade law petition on exporting countries including India;

(b) whether many exporters of steel pipes from India would be affected by this anti-dumping measures initiated by the OCTG producers of the US; and

(c) whether Government propose to contest the anti-dumping investigation proceedings and if so, what steps are being taken to represent the Indian exporters of steel pipes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDI): (a) It is a fact that on the basis of the petition filed by the US producers on 2nd April, 2002, the US authorities have initiated an anti-dumping investigation against import of Oil Country Tubular Goods (OCTG) from 4 countries including India.

(b) Two Indian exporters have been identified in the petition filed by the US producers. If the US authorities decide to impose dumping duties the two Indian exporters named in the petition will be directly affected also it may have impact on other exporters of the subject item.

(c) Under WTO provisions the anti-dumping investigation/measures is considered only when the exports are made at less than the normal value of the products and causes or threatens to cause material injury to an established domestic industry of the importing country. The response to the investigation has to be primarily by the exporters. The Government of the exporting country